[*Translation*]

Free Medical facilities to Poor

3344. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide free medical facilities in the public hospitals to the people living below poverty-line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The indoor patients in Government Hospitals are provided medical facilities free of cost. Poor outdoor patients are also provided medical facilities free of cost.

[*English*]

Raids on Hoarders of Foodgrains

3345. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted on various traders in Delhi and a large quantity of hoarded rice has been recovered from them during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantity of rice recovered and the estimated value thereof;

(c) whether such raids have also been conducted against the hoarders of foodgrains in other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof alongwith the foodgrains recovered;

(e) the action taken so far against such traders; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the raids/checkings conducted in the premises belonging to 18 traders in Delhi, a quantity of 2,91,857 quintals of rice was found hoarded. Besides rice, some quantities of paddy, pulses, oilseeds and coarsegrains were also detected. The total value of the rice and other foodgrains recovered is estimated over Rs. 54 crores. FIRs have been lodged in two cases.

In addition, Delhi Police had also undertaken checkings in 46 cases in respect of traders in foodgrains, fair price shops, kerosene oil depots and vehicles carrying foodgrains leading to filling of FIRs in 8 cases in the first fornight of February, 1992.

(c) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Gram Shiksha Karyakram in Bihar

3346. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated to various States, by the Union Government and UNICEF under the "Gram Shiksha Karyakram" being run jointly by the Union Government, UNICEF and the State Gov-